WEEKLY WEDNESDAY UPDATE

The Weekly Wednesday Update is our newsletter which we email every Wednesday with oral health, health and policy updates from around the state and nationally.

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Deadline Friday! Register now!

The last day to register for the 2018 Conference on Oral Health is this Friday, October 26. We still have spots for you and a new participant! Our conference is just around the corner. Join us as we find ways to engage communities to embrace oral health and ensure oral health is included in public policy! Our speakers are geared up and excited to provide you with captivating material.
Single registration rate $120  
Registration + guest rate $170  
Student rate $30

The 2018 Conference on Oral Health will take place November 2 at the beautiful K-State Olathe Campus, 22201 W. Innovation Dr. in Olathe. A continental breakfast will begin at 7:30am and the sessions will begin at 8:30am. Click [here](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU10-24.html) for more information.

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**It's National Dental Hygiene Month**

October is [National Dental Hygiene Month](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU10-24.html). This month brings awareness to good oral health and of course to celebrate the work dental hygienists do! Every day hygienists are making a difference in dental hygiene!

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**Advanced Voting Has Begun!**

If you can't make it to the voting booth on November 6, that's ok. Consider advanced voting! You can either [ask for a request](http://www.oralhealthkansas.org/WWU10-24.html) to mail in your ballot or cast an advanced voting ballot in person.

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**VOTING IMPACTS YOU EVERY DAY**

Only 1 in 5 voters participate in local elections, so your vote has a big impact. Many elections are decided by only a few votes. Ballots can be overwhelming, but they don't have to be. Do your research and only vote for what you're educated on. Remember, local and state government often lead the way when the federal isn't, making local elections important too!

*EX: tobacco policies such as Tobacco21 and Clean Indoor Air, marijuana legalization, gun laws*

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**LOCAL LEVEL RACES**

Example Elected Officials:
City Council, Mayor, School Board, City Clerk, County Commissioner

*These elected officials decide:*
- City Department Budgets
- Water Fluoridation
- Public Transit
- Public Safety (Police & Fire)
- City Roads
- Local Retail Tax
- Business Development

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**STATE LEVEL RACES**

Example Elected Officials:
Governor, State Representative, State Senate, Secretary of State,
Insurance Commissioner

**These elected officials decide:**
- Medicaid Expansion
- Medicaid Services
- School Funding
- Highway Funding
- State Department Budgets
- Public Safety (Prisons & Courts)
- State Property Tax

Governor appoints Department Secretaries (i.e.
Department of Health and Environment, Division of
Children and Families, etc.)

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**FEDERAL LEVEL RACES**

President, U.S. Representative, U.S. Senate

**These elected officials decide:**
- Federal Income Taxes
- Federal Department Budgets
- School Funding (higher-ed)
- Immigration
- Gun laws
- Healthcare
- Social Security

President appoints federal judges, department
administration (i.e. Defense, Transportation, etc.)
The Role Dental Providers Play in Tobacco Cessation

Tobacco use continues to be the leading cause of preventable death in the United States. However, dental providers of all levels can play a vital role in delivering and referring patients to tobacco cessation services.

Healthy Snacks for Your Halloween Party

If you're trying to find some healthy recipes for your Halloween party, why not try some Monster Pizza or Goblin Granola.

Krista Hahn, OHK Board Member and Dental Champions Class V, presented to our Shawnee County Oral Health Coalition on the topic of Diabetes and Oral Health!
Reserve a Sugary Drink Display Today!

What is a Sugary Drink Display? It's our drink display that has 10 popular beverages and shows how much sugar is in each. You can reserve a child drink display or an adult drink display for up to a month. How you set it up is up to you!

Please note that requests made less than 30 days before the display is needed may not be able to be filled.

To learn more about our Sugary Drink Display and to reserve one, click here!